



# **Nevada Public Employees' Deferred Compensation Plan**

## **Summary Plan Document**

This Summary Plan Document explains the provisions, policies and rules that govern the Nevada Public Employees' Deferred Compensation Plan (NDC or the Plan). The NDC Plan document contains details of the provisions of the Plan. If a conflict exists between this Summary and the Plan document, the Plan document governs.

NDC is a voluntary retirement savings Plan (offered by your employer) designed to increase your personal savings for retirement and lower your current taxable income. This Plan has been adopted pursuant to Nevada Revised Statue (NRS) 287.250 – 287.370, and Title 26 Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Code, Section 457(b).

## Joining the Plan

Enrolling in NDC is one of the most important decisions you can make while working for the State of Nevada or a participating employer. You may receive all the necessary enrollment information by calling 775.684.3397 or visiting our <u>website</u>.

#### Eligibility

All current State of Nevada and Nevada System of Higher Education (NHSE) employees are eligible to participate in the Plan. Public employees of other local governments that have obtained a written agreement to participate in the Plan are also eligible.

### **Contributing to the Plan**

You may contribute from \$12.50 per pay period up to \$17,500 in 2013. Contributions to the plan may be made as before-tax contributions, after-tax contributions (Roth) or a combination of both. Please note maximum contribution amounts apply to the total yearly contribution amounts (see chart on page 2) regardless of whether your choose before-tax, Roth or a combination.

# **Age 50 and Over Catch-Up Contributions**

In the calendar year you reach age 50, and each year thereafter, the law permits you to make Age 50 and Over Catch-Up contributions. The Age 50 and Over Catch-Up limit is \$5,500 in 2013. These amounts are in addition to the regular contribution limit. The Age 50 and Over Catch-Up cannot be used simultaneously with the Special Catch-Up.

# **Special Catch-up Contributions**

Under specific circumstances you may contribute more than the \$17,500 in 2013. This is known as Special Catch-Up (or Three-year Catch-Up) provision. If you have contributed less than the maximum amount allowed by law during your participation in the Plan, you may make additional contributions up to twice the regular contribution limit to the Plan in the three consecutive years prior to your selected Retirement Catch-Up Age. However, assistance is required to determine the

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exact amount you are permitted to contribute using this provision. Please contact your provider for assistance with the investment provider calculation sheet.

You cannot make Special Catch-Up contributions in the calendar year in which you attain your Retirement Catch-Up Age, so planning ahead is essential.

Year	Regular Contribution Limits	Age 50 & Over Catch-Up Contribution Limits	Special Catch-Up Contribution Limits
2013	100% of compensation up to:	For participants age 50 or older, 100% of compensation up to:	The total of the regular limit plus missed contributions up to:
	\$ 17,500	\$23,000	\$ 35,000

### **Tax Saver's Credit**

The Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) limit for the saver's credit (also known as the retirement savings contributions credit) for low-and moderate-income workers is \$57,500 for married couples filing jointly in 2012; \$43,125 for heads of household; and \$28,750 for married individuals filing separately and for singles.

## **Choosing Where to Invest Your Money**

You can choose to invest your contributions, in 1% increments up to 100%, in any combination of the following:

## **Tier 1 – Do-It-For-Me with Vanguard Target Retirement Date Funds**

It's estimated that the majority of retirement investors don't have the time or desire to select and track their investments. Retirement Date Funds are designed to help those Plan participants who are unsure how to allocate their investments or want to select an investment approach that automatically incorporates an asset allocation strategy.

To select the appropriate Retirement Fund, simply determine the Fund with the 10-year increment that is closest to the year you plan to begin withdrawing funds in retirement, or simply complete the <u>Easy Enrollment form</u> which determines the most appropriate Retirement Fund for you based on an assumed retirement age of 65.

## Tier II – Do-it-Yourself by actively or passively managing your investments

Participants may design their own asset allocation from the core menu of individual investment options. In each asset class an index fund is available for participants who desire a passive investment strategy.

For additional information on the investment options, please contact your provider/record-keeper directly. Fund prospectuses can be obtained by calling your record-keeper. Before investing, carefully consider the fund's investment objectives, risks, and charges and expenses. The fund prospectus contains this and other important information.

## **Transferring Money Among the Funds**

You may transfer existing assets in your NDC account from one plan investment option to another, depending on restrictions imposed by the Plan. Transfers may be requested by calling your record-keeper (MassMutual: 800.875.9218 and ING: 800.584.6001), or through its website (MassMutual and ING). All transfer requests received prior to the close of the NYSE (normally 1PM PT) will be processed at the business day's closing price.

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# Restrictions on exchanges from International Equity funds (Redemption Fees)

Frequent trading has an impact on the return of any investment option. This has been a particular problem in the international equity investment options. Therefore, these options may have a limit on all re-purchases or exchanges (generally 60-days). This means that you may exchange assets out of the options at any time, however, you may be restricted on re-purchasing shares in that particular fund for a period (generally 60-days) after the last outgoing exchange from that fund.

# **Coordinated Trading Policy with Mutual Funds**

In addition to the restrictions previously described, each mutual fund may impose exchange limitations. These restrictions are generally included in the prospectus of each mutual fund. Exchanges in excess of the exchange limitations imposed by a mutual fund may result in restrictions being placed on the account of the participants or rejection of an exchange request.

# **Withdrawing Money From Your Account**

You are able to withdrawal money from your account while you are working and after you separate from service. The following section outlines the distribution options and the circumstances for both instances.

# **Distribution Options – While Still Working**

Generally, you cannot withdrawal money from your NDC account before you leave employment with the State of Nevada, NSHE or a participating employer. However, there are specific circumstances under which a withdrawal may be taken prior to leaving public employment. The conditions under which benefit payments can be made while you are still working are:

- Severe financial hardship Unforeseen Emergency Withdrawals;
- Small Inactive Account provision;
- Absence due to qualified military service, and
- Purchase Retirement Service Credit (i.e. Nevada Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS).

## **Unforeseen Emergency Withdrawals**

You may request an Unforeseen Emergency Withdrawal to pay for expenses related to a severe financial emergency. Payments can only be made to the extent that insurance or money available from other sources does not cover your hardship expenses. To qualify, the emergency must result from:

- A sudden and unexpected illness or accident not reimbursed by insurance
- A loss of property due to casualty not reimbursed by insurance, or
- Another similar extraordinary and unforeseen circumstance arising as a result of events beyond your control.

### **Small Inactive Account Withdrawal**

You may take advantage of a one-time provision to withdraw up to \$5,000 of your NDC account if you meet the following requirements:

- You are still working for your employer;
- You have an NDC account value of less than \$5,000 excluding any assets you may have in a rollover account; AND
- You have not contributed at any time in the last two years; AND
- You have not used this provision before.

## **Using Plan Assets to Purchase Retirement Service Credit**

You may use your NDC plan account assets to purchase retirement service credit, such as credit in Nevada Public Employees Retirement System (PERS).

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You must obtain documentation from PERS or a similar retirement system affirming your eligibility to purchase the service credit. Please contact MassMutual or ING to obtain the necessary forms to liquidate your NDC account at the desired amount. The Plan will liquidate plan assets to purchase the retirement service credit and send a check directly to the appropriate retirement system.

# <u>Distribution Options – When you separate from service</u>

When you permanently leave work with the State of Nevada, NSHE, or a participating employer for a variety of reasons, you may decide either to begin to receive payments or defer payments to a future date, but to an age not later than age 70½. If you choose to defer payments, you will continue to accumulate earnings until benefits are paid to you.

There are three conditions under which benefit payments can be made to you:

- Reach the age of 70½
- Separation of service, including regular retirement
- Death

# **Special Provisions for Military Personnel**

Participants who are absent from employment due to qualified active duty military service and receive differential wage payments are treated as active employees for the purpose of participation in the Plan. This means that differential wage payments are treated as compensation that is eligible for contribution into the Plan.

## **To Begin Distribution**

To initiate a payout for any of these reasons, call the NDC office or your record-keeper for the forms to complete. You may receive benefits under the eligible circumstances in a variety ways.

All distributions at termination are subject to payroll center deadlines. No distribution can be made until all payroll activity is complete, which can take 4 to 6 weeks after your termination date.

- 1. You may take a one-time full withdrawal of your NDC account
- 2. Establish a regular period payment of benefits to be paid monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually
- 3. Take a partial withdrawal of your NDC account
- 4. Defer receiving your benefits to a later date

As long as there is a balance in your account, you may change your benefit payment option.

#### **Taxes on Distributions**

The amount of federal and state income taxes (if applicable) that are withheld from benefit payments is dependent on which benefit payment option you select.

- Lump sum distributions and periodic payments of less than ten years (except when this is a Required Minimum Distribution) are subject to a mandatory 20% federal income tax withholding.
- Period payments scheduled to continue ten years or more, Required Minimum Distributions, and withdrawals for Unforeseen Emergencies are subject to 10% federal income tax withholding.

Distributions are reported annually on IRS form 1099R, which is sent in January following the calendar year in which the distribution was issued. You are encouraged to talk with your tax advisor before deciding to take your distribution.

# **Early Distribution Penalties**

Unlike other retirement plans, distributions from an IRC 457(b) plans, such as NDC, are **NOT** subject to any early withdrawal penalties, regardless of age.

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# **Minimum Required Distributions**

Participants must begin receiving minimum distributions from the Plan by April 1 of the calendar year following the later of:

- ✓ The year in which they reach age  $70\frac{1}{2}$ , or
- ✓ The year in which they leave employment

Participants who do not receive minimum distributions by the required dates, or who receive less than the minimum amount the law requires, must pay a nondeductible 50% excise tax on the difference between the amount that should have been received and the amount received.

Minimum required distributions are not eligible for rollover and are calculated in accordance with Treasury Regulations.

## **Designation of Beneficiary**

You should designate a beneficiary to receive your money in the Plan in the event of your death. You may name more than one beneficiary and specify the percentage of the Plan balance that each beneficiary is to receive. A beneficiary may be a person, trust, or organization.

## **Plan Fees**

The Plan's administrative expenses are funded by participant fees. All revenues, except record-keeper revenues, are used to pay the Plan's administrative expenses.

Mutual fund companies pay reimbursements (revenue sharing) to the Plan's record-keepers. Each of the investment options offered by the plan has a fund operating expense and either a revenue sharing agreement or an administrative fee (wrapper). These fees are deducted directly from the fund's daily price. These fees vary based on the investment option selected. For a complete description, please refer to the fund prospectus or visit the NDC website.

The administrative costs for participating in NDC are competitive when compared to other public employer-sponsored deferred compensation plans throughout the country. The NDC Committee has and will continue to control Plan expenses and maximize value to participants.

#### **Keeping Track of Your Account**

There three primary ways to track your account information. First, you will receive a quarterly statement of your NDC account, mailed to your address of record. Each quarterly statement shows the contributions received during the period and how your plan account is performing. Second, you may call your record-keeper's toll-free line (MassMutual: 800.875.9218 and ING: 800.584.6001) to obtain Plan account information. You may also access your account information through the record-keeper's website (MassMutual and ING).

### **Additional Information**

For additional information, visit the NDC website.

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